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To Whom It May Concern:

Please designate an MPA at Sea Ranch, California and /not/ from Gerstle Cove to Black Point.

I understand that there is a debate about areas considered for closure in the MLPA. Some folks are advocating an MPA from Gerstle Cove to Black Point. In my opinion the area from Gerstle Cove to Black Point offers the best diving on the Sonoma coast.

As an avid spearfisherman and abalone diver I dive this stretch of coast often. Since much of the area between Gerstle Cove and Black Point is owned by the state parks there is a huge section of coast line open to the public for shore diving. Fisk Mill Cove is one of the most sheltered coves from a north west swell on the Sonoma coast and would fall in this stretch of coast line. On some days Fisk Mill Cove is the only place safe enough to dive between Fort Ross and Gualala. Closing this area would create a safety problem as many divers would dive more exposed areas which can be quite dangerous. Sea Ranch on the other hand has very poor public access and is mostly exposed to the typical north west swell.

I urge you to please designate an MPA at Sea Ranch, California and /not/ from Gerstle Cove to Black Point.

Respectfully Yours,

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